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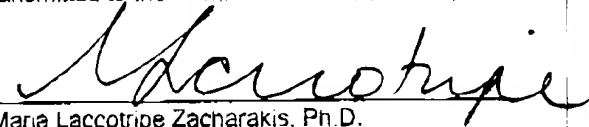
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 (Paper No. 21).

Responsive to the Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 13, line 26, please insert the following:

--In a preferred embodiment, the PCIP protein has an amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:38, or SEQ ID NO:40. In other embodiments, the PCIP protein is substantially homologous to SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20,